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Rev. Amos A. Phelps
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journey and of a residence there. If you will be so
good as to speak to some of your brethren and
make some inquiry and procure a place for
me to preach a few weeks. as a man supply I
would like to visit your region. Just please to
drop me a line and let me know what the pros-
pect is. I can remain longer than the 1st of April in
this place, but I prefer not to unless constrained
to by a sense of duty. There is at present some
more feeling in the church which I fear would
have well result in a revival - and if so I
might be persuaded to tarry a while longer.
Mrs. Groomer's health is feeble. She may
not be able to leave here as early as the
she was confined on the 5th of June since which
she has lost her babe - and has been herself afflicted
with an abscess in the breast. Our little one
was a third son of five weeks old - and died
with the Sciripelos after suffering severely two
weeks. - I feel much interested in your new
organization of anti-slavery men in Massachusetts
and believe that it will succeed much better
than the old one. Our Congress are doing glorious
things for the abolition of slavery - in the disposi-
tion they make of anti-slavery petitions.
Yours with affection. Maria Groomer

tion and attachment of the church and society. I also
urged upon them the propriety of sending this charge
of heresy to the association with definite specifica-
tions when I would be glad to meet it; and the
impropriety of dismissing me without such an
investigation - an investigation particularly required
by the rules of our association. But instead
of doing this they dismissed and recom-
mended in usual form. It was done however
neither by a majority of the whole, nor of clergy-
men nor of laymen. Three did not vote at
all and of those who did vote there was a
single one majority for dismissal. So I was dis-
missed.

Soon after my dismissal I located
my family in this place as a supply until
spring, giving the people at the same time to under-
stand that they need not think of me for settle-
ment. They were so much divided among themselves
as to be unable to settle any one. They have been
so for two or three years. My term will expire about
the first of April - when I shall move in some
direction. I think I should go to the west if Mrs
Groomer's health was not rather feeble - too much
to fear to undergo the trials and hardships of such a

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Brother Phelps

You have probably ^{been} heard
of my dismissal from Sharon and of the cause
of it. The whole cause of complaint was Feglorism
or New Divinity. The number opposed never
amounted to one fifth of the Church. But as
Dea Smith - son of Jos^{ph} Smith together with his
~~father~~ led the opposition it was more difficult
to encounter. They rendered my condition so
unpleasant that I concluded to call the Con-
sociates to consider the case. When they
convened it was found that the whole cause
of dissatisfaction was of a theological na-
ture. The Church by their committee made
oppositions to my dismissal - stating some facts
such as that nearly one half of the 230 members
of the Church had been admitted by profession
during the three years of my ministry - a number
thrice as large as the admissions to any other
Church in the Consociates - also the general satisfac-